



RICHARD GOODWIN
Behind The Scenes

...Goodwin had ...
to intervene in ...
prisoners and ...
sent Kennedy's ...
him

According to Goulart's private message, Goodwin told him that the exceptional prisoners would touch a storm of public protest in the United States that Kennedy would have no other choice than to take drastic new action against Castro.

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U.S. Aide Helping Secure Ransom

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WASHINGTON.— Richard Goodwin, deputy assistant secretary of state for Latin American affairs and former aide to President Kennedy, is working with Cuban refugee leaders to raise the \$2-million-dollar ransom Fidel Castro is seeking for 1,179 invasion prisoners.

Goodwin has passed the word that any corporations contributing to the ransom- ing of individual prisoners will be able to deduct this amount on income tax re- turns.

And Goodwin, along with Bra- zilian Presi- dent Joao Goulart, played an influencing role

influencing Castro not to ex- ecute any of the prisoners. In the midst of the prisoners' appeal from Wash- ington, Castro to spare the lives of these captured in-

President Goulart quoted Goodwin as saying that Presi- dent Kennedy would continue to follow a policy of strict "non-intervention" in Cuba's internal affairs if Castro spared the lives of the prisoners.

In his message, the young Brazilian president said he believed Goodwin was talking for the President. Also, he cautioned Castro that any new blood-letting would greatly hamper his own diplo- matic efforts to get other Latin American countries and the United States to adopt a policy of "peaceful co-exist- ence" with Cuba and renew their diplomatic and trade ties.

Castro's reply to President Goulart's message came ear- lier this week when his military tribunal announced that the prisoners were being sentenced to 30-year prison terms but would be freed on payment of ransom totaling \$2 million dol- lars.



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